

What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring multiple online resources in different formats, the method comprising the steps of:
identifying an online resource to monitor, the online resource being stored in a first format;
converting the online resource to a strict formatted file;
identifying relevant data in the strict formatted file using an analytic parser; and
determining whether the identified relevant data has been altered.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the online resource is a HyperText Markup Language application.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the online resource is a non-HyperText Markup Language application.
4. The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of converting the online resource to a HyperText Markup Language application.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein an Extensible Style Sheet Transform is used to convert the online resource to the strict formatted file.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the strict formatted file is an Extensible Markup Language application.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the strict formatted file is an Extensible HyperText Markup Language application.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the strict formatted file is a document object model of the online resource.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the analytic parser is a script that operates on the strict formatted file.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the script identifies relevant data via markers within the strict formatted file.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein an altered file is determined by comparing the identified relevant data to a most recent archived copy of the identified relevant data.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of storing the identified relevant data within a database.

13. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of automatically notifying a user when the identified relevant data has changed.

14. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of automatically updating a database.

15. A system for monitoring multiple files in disparate formats, the system comprising:

a file type identifier module adapted to identify the format of a particular online resource;
a format conversion module adapted to convert the online resource to a strict formatted file;

an analytic parser adapted to identify relevant data within the strict formatted file; and
a resource filter adapted to determine whether the identified relevant data has been altered.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein the online resource is a HyperText Markup Language application.

17. The system of claim 15 wherein the online resource is a non-HyperText Markup Language application.

18. The system of claim 15 further comprising an HTML conversion module adapted to convert the online resource to a HyperText Markup Language application.

19. The system of claim 15 wherein an Extensible Style Sheet Transform is used to convert the online resource to the strict formatted file.

20. The system of claim 15 wherein the strict formatted file is an Extensible Markup Language application.

21. The system of claim 15 wherein the strict formatted file is an Extensible HyperText Markup Language application.

22. The system of claim 15 wherein the strict formatted file is a document object model of the online resource.

23. The system of claim 15 wherein the analytic parser is a script that operates on the strict formatted file.

24. The system of claim 23 wherein the script identifies relevant data via markers within the strict formatted file.

25. The system of claim 15 wherein an altered file is determined by comparing the identified relevant data to a most recent archived copy of the identified relevant data.

26. The method of claim 14 wherein the identified relevant data is stored within a database.

27. The system of claim 14 further comprising a monitoring module adapted to automatically notify a user when the identified relevant data has changed.

28. The system of claim 14 further comprising a monitoring module adapted to automatically update a database when the identified relevant data has changed.

29. A method for monitoring multiple online resources in different formats, the method comprising the steps of:

identifying an online resource to monitor, the online resource being stored in a first format;

converting the online resource to a strict formatted file;

identifying relevant data in the strict formatted file using an analytic parser; and

remotely updating the relevant data using a script.

30. A system for monitoring multiple files in disparate formats, the system comprising:

a file type identifier module adapted to identify the format of a particular online resource;

a format conversion module adapted to convert the online resource to a strict formatted file;

an analytic parser adapted to identify relevant data within the strict formatted file; and

a resource updater adapted to update the identified relevant data.